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RAY-PEC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PLEADS GUILTY TO BANK ROBBERY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Raymore, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to robbing Allen Bank and Trust Company in Raymore, Mo.

Scott Dajuan Hazel, 18, of Raymore, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning to the charge contained in a Dec. 6, 2005, federal indictment. **Hazel** is a student at Raymore-Peculiar High School.

By pleading guilty today, **Hazel** admitted that he entered Allen Bank and Trust Company, 1000 Foxwood Drive in Raymore, just before 5 p.m. on Nov. 30, 2005, and announced, "This is a hold up." Brandishing a knife in his right hand and a small blue nylon bag in his left hand, **Hazel** ordered everyone to sit down on the floor. **Hazel** claimed that the blue nylon bag was a bomb and that he would detonate the device if anyone failed to comply with his wishes, repeating several times, "This is for real."

After tellers placed \$6,610 in a bag, **Hazel** began asking who owned various cars in the parking lot. The clerk offered the keys to her vehicle and **Hazel** left the bank, but was unable to start the car.

One of the bank employees recognized **Hazel** during the robbery and identified him as a customer of the bank.

Under federal statutes, **Hazel** could be subject to a sentence of up to 20 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney K. Michael Warner. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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